

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 25, 2014

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:10 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair
Albert Sam II, Secretary
Mark Abraham
Maggie Brakeville
Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
Pamela Egan
Robert Levy
Roy Martin III

Absent from the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair
Chris Gorman
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2014

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 27, 2014.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SEARCH COMMITTEE
August 27, 2014

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Co-Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Search Committee Report of August 27, 2014. No actions were taken at this meeting.

SEARCH COMMITTEE
September 17 and 18, 2014

Dr. Subramanian reported the actions of the Search Committee concerning the finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education as follows:

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Search Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Regents approve Dr. Robin Capehart, President of West Liberty University; Mr. Ray DiPasquale, President of Community College of Rhode Island; and Dr. Joseph Rallo, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Texas Tech University System, as finalists to the position as Commissioner of Higher Education. It is also recommended that the staff be authorized to release information about their background, experience, and qualifications.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Search Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Regents approve a fourth individual as a finalist, should he confirm his interest in applying for the position by close of business on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Should a positive response be received from the fourth individual by that date, the Search Committee further voted to authorize staff to release information about the individual's background, experience, and qualifications.

Dr. Subramanian informed the Board that the fourth individual chose not to apply for the position of Commissioner. Therefore, the Search Committee's recommendations are to approve the remaining three individuals as finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regents Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve the selection of the following individuals as finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education:

- **Robin Capehart from West Virginia**

- **Ray DiPasquale from Rhode Island**
- **Joseph Rallo from Texas**

ADOPTION OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS OF AUGUST 27, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18, 2014

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Search Committee Reports of August 27, 2014, and September 17 and 18, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

WISE SUBCOMMITTEE

WISE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Board of Regents, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the WISE Subcommittee Report of September 25, 2014.

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Distribution Plan. (See Attachment I.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 25, 2014.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Letter of Intent
1. Bachelor of Applied Science in Resource Management at Northwestern State University

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Resource Management at Northwestern State University.

- B. Proposed New Program
 - 1. Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration at Louisiana Tech University

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the online Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration (CIP Code 13.0401) at Louisiana Tech University.

PROPOSED NEW CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT (SEED) CENTER OF WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE AT McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the proposed Southwest Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Center of Excellence at McNeese State University, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a Center for Workforce Excellence due by 1 November 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive and approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Routine Staff Reports
 - 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
 - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Research Units
 - 3. Past Due Reports
 - 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Martin, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of September 25, 2014.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2014-2015 OPERATING BUDGETS

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budgets.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of September 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Executive Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Executive Committee Report of September 25, 2014.

REVISION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS' BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES [BPP6.1(a)]

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to the Board of Regents' Bylaws Policies and Procedures Number BPP 6.1(a): "The Commissioner serves at the will of the Board at a salary and benefits fixed by the Board **and approved by the Legislature."**

RESPONSE TO SENATOR JEAN-PAUL MORRELL'S REQUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to receive and approve the report in response to Senator Jean-Paul Morrell's request for a comprehensive report on sexual assault on campuses.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of September 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Martin, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 25, 2014.

ENDOWED SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships Subprogram policy as presented, with revisions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BoRSF PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

Termination of Graduate Fellowships for Teachers Subprogram: Limited Submissions and Underutilization of Funds

Consistent with the vote of the BoRSF Planning Committee, approval of the termination of the GFT program due to low demand, effective in the FY 2015-16 competitive cycle.

Revision of Traditional Graduate Fellows Discipline Eligibility

Consistent with the votes of the BoRSF Planning Committee, approval for all STEM disciplines (Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Health & Medical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Social Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Mathematics) to be made eligible annually, with non-STEM disciplines (Business, Education, Arts, Humanities) eligible on a one-year-on, one-year-off cycle, effective in the FY 2015-16 competitive cycle.

Endowed Chairs: Fund STEM/Economic Development Chairs at Higher Levels

Consistent with the votes of the BoRSF Planning Committee and the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee at their respective May 30, 2014 meetings, authorization for the Board to seek fulfillment of the purposes of the Recommendation of the FY 2013-14 Endowed Chairs Review Panel, pending external review of MPRAC Task Force priorities which the Board is due to consider in December 2014.

FY 2015-2016 BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET

Consistent with the unanimous vote of the BoRSF Planning Committee, approval of the FY 2015-16 BoRSF Plan and Budget, with contingencies, as presented.

BoRSF PRIORITIES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE

Consistent with the unanimous vote of the BoRSF Planning Committee, approval of the BoRSF Planning Committee's recommended priorities as additional BoRSF funds become available.

FY 2015-2016 DEVELOPMENT OF TIERED ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS SUB-PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to charge the staff, consistent with the position taken by the BoRSF Planning Committee, to undertake a 2015-16 study and report to: (1) establish a tiered and competitive Endowed Professorships Subprogram which reflects the respective roles, scopes, and missions of campuses; and (2) elevate respective corpuses of the top tiers to levels more closely aligned with the SREB average of \$564,286.

The staff, with advice from the Planning Committee and key constituencies on affected campuses, will submit resulting recommendations to the Board during the fall of 2016.

REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE TO DIVIDE TWO BoRSF-MATCHED ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve, consistent with current Board policy, the division of the SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Art and Architecture into two Professorships and the SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Nursing III into two Professorships. The corpus value of each resulting Professorship will be \$100,000.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 25, 2014. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of September 25, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*Armstrong State University, Catholic University of America, Samford University, Stevens-Henager College, and University of Texas-Arlington*)
- 2. License Renewals** (*Indiana State University, University of North Carolina, and Vanderbilt University*)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*Advantage Dental Academy, LLC, Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans, LLC, Dental Assisting Academy of Louisiana, LLC, Mia's Medical Academy, LLC, and Oklahoma College of Construction*)
- 2. License Renewals**
 - Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (08/24/11)
 - Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/11)
 - Art Instruction School (09/21/74)
 - Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
 - Camelot College (08/28/86)
 - Coastal College-Alexandria (08/28/97)
 - College of Yoga Therapy, LLC (formerly Yoga School, LLC) (08/27/08)
 - Crescent City Career Institute (08/28/03)
 - Crescent City School of Gaming and Bartending (09/14/83)
 - Falck Safety Services-Houma (08/24/11)
 - Falck Safety Services-Maurice (08/24/11)
 - Fortis College (08/26/10)
 - Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)
 - Houston Marine Training Services (08/24/11)
 - Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)
 - Lafayette General Medical Center School of Health Sciences (08/21/13)

Life Care, LLC (08/21/13)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of New Orleans (08/21/13)
N.O.D.C. School of Dental Assisting (08/24/11)
OnTrac Academy, LLC (08/21/13)
Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/26/10)
River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)
Unitech Training Academy – Lake Charles (08/27/09)

GRAD ACT

Additional GRAD Act Targeted Measures for Law Centers

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the year 5 benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets which will be added to Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for the Louisiana State University Law Center and the Southern University Law Center.

GRAD Act Remediation Plans

This item concerning the GRAD Act Remediation Plans for Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at Shreveport and the Southern University Law Center was for informational purposes only.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of September 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Rasberry included:

- The month of October is designated as Louisiana College Application Month. The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of students who will pursue post-secondary education. During this month, participating institutions will waive application fees and provide admissions information for Louisiana Colleges and Universities. Louisiana College Application month is part of a national initiative sponsored by the American Council of Education, and is being coordinated in our state by LOSFA. The Board of Regents will serve as a partner, and staff has drafted a resolution (Attachment II) declaring our support for College Application Month.

- The three finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education will be in Baton Rouge on October 7-9, 2014. Discussions with stakeholders will be held on October 7 and 8, 2014. A Special Board meeting will then be held on October 9, 2014.
- The next regularly scheduled Committee and Board meetings will be held on one day, Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Attachment I

King Alexander
LSU System

Curt Eysink
LA Workforce Commission

Ronald Mason, Jr.
SU System

Charles Moniotte
Workforce Investment Council



Stephen Moret
Economic Development

Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Board of Regents

Monty Sullivan
LCTC System

Sandra Woodley
UL System

FY 2014-2015 Updated Distribution Plan Recommendation

System Summary	WISE Distribution	Direct Appropriations	Total Investment
LCTCS Total	\$11,973,578	\$0	\$11,973,578
LSU Total	\$12,883,899	\$1,500,000 to Pennington	\$14,383,899
ULS Total	\$9,498,871	\$1,000,000 to ULM; \$1,000,000 to La Tech	\$11,498,871
SU System	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
LUMCON	\$143,652		\$143,652
TOTAL	\$36,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$40,000,000

The allocation is based on the following parameters:

- 1) Best case scenario for each system using either the Short Term or Long Term Occupational Forecast
- 2) Only funding the programs that lead to 4 and 5 star jobs that require increasing the production of completers
- 3) Including the higher costs for the health science centers
- 4) Acknowledging 15 credit hours for technical competency areas
- 5) Acknowledging the average number of credit hours required to complete programs with the exception of Doctoral Programs which are calculated on an 80-20 Workforce/Research ratio
- 6) Providing a minimum level of support to a Higher Education System

Attachment II

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Education, young adults with a postsecondary credential or degree earn more than those without a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Council on Education, college graduates are half as likely to be unemployed as those with only a high school diploma and are also more likely to vote and be leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, a high school education alone is no longer sufficient and will not guarantee a student will become gainfully employed in a career that will provide a livable wage and sustainable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in collaboration with other state agencies, higher education institutions and college access programs are working together to connect students with opportunities for greater access to success by increasing the number of students completing the college admissions process; and

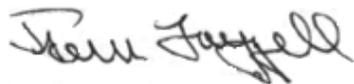
WHEREAS, all Louisiana high school seniors may participate in this initiative, thereby receiving assistance from trained educational staff, business and industry personnel and community volunteers in completing a college application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana hereby proclaim October 2014 as LOUISIANA COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH.

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I, W. Clinton “Bubba” Rasberry, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Regents at a Board meeting, duly called and held on September 25, 2014 at which meeting more than a quorum was present and voted.

In witness thereof, I have signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Board of Regents at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 25th day of September, 2014.



Tom Layzell
Senior Advisor to the Board



W. Clinton “Bubba” Rasberry, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Board of Regents